

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-26 (Canceled)

27. (Currently Amended) A method of treatment, comprising:

delivering a treatment agent to a tissue, the treatment agent within a barrier having a binding member and a delivery carrier, the binding member ~~being present in an amount sufficient~~having a property adapted to couple to a surface of the tissue ~~and, wherein the barrier is present in an amount sufficient~~ to permit transport of the treatment agent from the tissue at a lower rate than transport in the absence of the barrier component, wherein the barrier is biodegradable and hinders transport of the agent away from the tissue but allows the agent to migrate towards the tissue.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein the binding member is a counter ion of an ionic member on the surface of the tissue for attachment of the binding member.

29. (Original) The method of claim 28, wherein the binding member is a cationic member and the member on the surface of the tissue is an anionic member.

30. (Original) The method of claim 28, wherein the binding member is an anionic member and the member on the surface of the tissue is a cationic member.

31. (Original) The method of Claim 27, wherein the barrier component includes an amino acid.

32. (Original) The method of claim 31, wherein the amino acid is poly-L-lysine.

33-47 (Canceled)

48. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein the tissue is myocardial tissue.

49. (New) The method of claim 22, wherein the binding member has a pKa value between 6 and 10.

50. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the binding member is capable of sharing electrons with a member of the surface of the tissue.